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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 12 December 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-7 and 9-27 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) 18-27 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-7,9 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 10-17 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 23 October 2003 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

2. Claims 1 and 4-6 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Davidson (USPN 5364004).

Davidson teaches a bond tool for attaching a wire to a bond comprising a guide portion (44), a grooving portion (38), and a staking portion (36) for ultrasonic wire bonding (figures 3 and 4 and col 4 lines 32-59).

3. Claims 1-6 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Killingsworth et al. (USPN 3627192).

Killingsworth teaches a bond tool for attaching a wire to a bond comprising a guide portion (23), a V-shaped grooving portion (18), and a V-shaped staking portion (20). As shown in figure 8, the staking portion has a shallower V-shape than the guide portion. Wires are bonded by ultrasonic energy and pressure (figures 3 and 4 and col 2 lines 5-61). It is noted that the type of wire bonded does not further limit the apparatus.

4. Claims 1-6 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Eltzroth et al. (USPN 3689983).

Eltzroth teaches a bond tool for attaching a wire to a bond comprising a guide portion (44), a V-shaped grooving portion (39), and a V-shaped staking portion (42). As shown in figure 4, the staking portion has a shallower V-shape than the guide portion. Al filament wires are bonded by ultrasonic energy and pressure (figures 3 and 4 col 1 lines 1-5, col 1 lines 24-40 and col 3 lines 14-55).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

5. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

6. Claims 7 and 9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Lo et al. (USPN 5626276) in view of Killingsworth et al. (USPN 3627192).

Lo teaches a bond tool for attaching a wire to a bond comprising a rotatable spool, arm and pulley assembly, a bond tool and a clamp between the pulley and bond tool (figures 1, 5, 8, col 4 lines 40-47 and col 8 line 30 – col 9 line 29). However the tool is not further disclosed.

Eltzroth teaches a bond tool for attaching a wire to a bond comprising a guide portion (44), a V-shaped grooving portion (39), and a V-shaped staking portion (42). As shown in figure 4, the staking portion has a shallower V-shape than the guide portion. Al filament wires are bonded by ultrasonic energy and pressure (figures 3 and 4 col 1 lines 1-5, col 1 lines 24-40 and col 3 lines 14-55).

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It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to employ a tool with a grooving and staking portion to ensure strong, reliable bonds, which will not peel away.

Response to Arguments

7. In response to applicant's argument that Eltzroth does not teach a grooving step, a recitation of the intended use of the claimed invention must result in a structural difference between the claimed invention and the prior art in order to patentably distinguish the claimed invention from the prior art. If the prior art structure is capable of performing the intended use, then it meets the claim.

8. Eltzroth teaches a bond with a groove (52) in figure 2.

9. Therefore the 102 rejection of claims 1-6 as anticipated by Eltzroth stands.

Allowable Subject Matter

10. Claims 18-27 are allowed.

11. Claims 10-17 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Conclusion

12. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Farassat (USPN 6905058 B2), Reber (USPN 3347422),

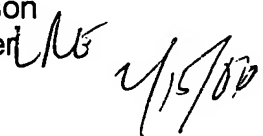
Sakamoto et al. (USPN 3750926), Grasso et al. (USPN 5516029), DiStefano et al. (USPN 5868301) and Linn (USPN 5816472).

13. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Lynne Edmondson whose telephone number is (571) 272-1172. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Thursday from 6:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Patrick Ryan can be reached on (571) 272-1292. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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